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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on papers filed 3-22-2009.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-15, 17 and 21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 16, 18-20, 22, 23, 27 and 30 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 24-26 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Species B, claims 6-30 , Group II in the reply filed on 3-22-2009 is acknowledged. There is an election filed on both 10-23-2008 and 3-22-2009. The examiner will examine claims 16 and 18-20 and 22-30 as filed 10-23-2008. A new listing of claims in response to the office action would make the record clear.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims16, 18-20, 22-23, 27 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Chen(U.S.Pat.6,433,312).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 28-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen in view Li et al.(U.S.Pat.7,301,128). Chen discloses an electric roaster that shows a base 4 which includes a base housing 41 made of a plastic material, and a metallic rectangular first roaster tray 42 mounted on the base housing 41. The first roasted tray 42 is placed horizontally and is formed with an upwardly and laterally extending rim 421. The first roaster tray 42 further includes an oil collecting hole 422 formed adjacent one side of the rim 421, a plurality of first grooves 423 extending lengthwise within the rim 421, and partition ribs 424 each formed between two adjacent first grooves 423 to contact food. The bottom of the grooves 423 slants downward to the oil collecting hole 422 from one end to the other end of the rim 421 so that, when food is roasted on the first roaster tray 42, oil emitted from the roasted food can flow to the oil collecting hole 422 along the grooves 423. The base housing 41 includes a receiving space 411 below the oil collecting hole 422, which opens at one side of the base housing 41. A bottom support plate 412 extends into the receiving space 411 and has two engagement recesses 413 formed therein. A first heating element 43 is attached to the bottom side of the first roaster tray 42. Chen does not explicitly show a thermostat. Li discloses a portable electric grill that sows a thermostat. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to use a thermostat as taught by Li with the device of Chen so as to control the temperature

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Marquez, Brindopke and Maisch are cited to show structure similar to the claimed invention.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 24-26 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL L. ROBINSON whose telephone number is (571)272-4788. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 5:30-2:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tu B Hoang can be reached on 571-272-4780. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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